What to do if you think you have been a victim of deed fraud:

1. Act quickly! Report fraud to the New York City Sheriff's Office immediately.
   Call (718) 707-2100.
2. Get a certified copy of the fraudulent document from the City Register's Office. Visit www.nyc.gov/acris.
3. Report the crime to the district attorney's office in the borough where the property is located.
4. Consult an attorney to confirm your ownership of the property.

How to get help

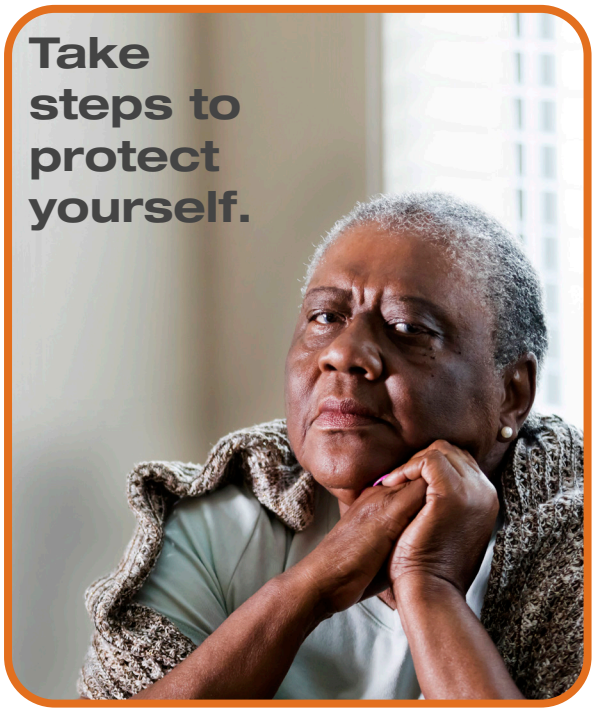
Call 311 or contact the
NYC Sheriff's Office
Bureau of Criminal Investigation
at (718) 707-2100 or
taxcop@finance.nyc.gov.

Protect your home

Prevent deed fraud

NYC Department of Finance

Deed fraud is a serious crime that could result in you losing your home.



Criminals prey on unsuspecting homeowners to illegally transfer property deeds.

Anyone can be a victim, but seniors, immigrants, and people of color are at greatest risk.

Act now to check your deed!

Visit www.nyc.gov/deedfraud or call 311 for more information.

Tips to prevent deed fraud:

- Open your mail from the Department of Finance. We will send you a notice when someone records a document on your property.
- Make sure we have your correct mailing address. Visit www.nyc.gov/changemailingaddress.
- Check the City Register's records at www.nyc.gov/acris at least once a year to make sure that no deeds or mortgages have been recorded on your property without your consent.*
- Visit www.nyc.gov/deedfraud to learn more about deed fraud.
- Make sure you have a will that clearly states who should inherit your property.

*If your property is in Staten Island, visit or call the Richmond County Clerk at (718) 675-7700.